MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. A Petty officer of the Excise Department was appointed as temporary Co-operati v Inspector in the year 1106 M. E.

Infant mortality in Vaikam.

369. ***MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the infant mortality in Vaikam for the last three years (1108, 1109 and 1110) ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A statement containing the required information is given below :

Year.	*Rate of infant mortality per 1000 registered live births.*
1108 ...	113
1109 ...	113
1110 ...	93

Postings of Tahsildars.

370. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*) : Will the Govern ment be pleased to state whether there is a rule or practice to the effect that only caste-Hindus could be posted as Tahsildars in certain places ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is no such rule. But in practice only caste-Hindus are posted as Tahsildars in certain taluks.

Disobedience of Government orders by Mr. E. I. Mathew, Retired Director of Registration.

371 ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Mr. E. I. Mathew, the former Director of Regis tration, has disobeyed any of the orders of Government, and, if so, what; and

(*b*) the action taken by them in the matter ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Govei nment*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Schools not thrown open to all communities.

372. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Govern ment be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any of such Government schools to which Ezhavas and other depressed classes could not get admission have been thrown open to them ; if so, how many and where ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether they have tried to remove the obstructions for admission to such schools ?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes, four, at Neyyattinkara, Mavelikara, Thalavadi and Palai.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

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